



Stargazer

October 2024



Our first chapel service will be held on Wednesday, October 9th for the W/F Caterpillars, Bumblebees, M/W/F Butterflies and AM/PM Dragonflies. The AM classes will attend chapel at 9:15 AM and the PM class will attend at 1:00 PM. The T/TH Caterpillars, T/TH Butterflies and Fireflies will attend chapel on Thursday, October 10th at 9:15 AM.

Our Bible story will be "The Ten Commandments." The children will learn that God has given us a set of rules to live our lives by and that they are in a special book called the Bible.



Parent teacher conferences will be held in early November. This is a great opportunity to learn how your child has transitioned over the past several months. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, 11/6 - M/W/F Butterflies
- Thursday, 11/7 - T/TH Butterflies
- Friday, 11/8 - W/F Caterpillars
- Monday, 11/11 - Fireflies
- Tuesday, 11/12 - T/TH Caterpillars & AM/PM Dragonflies
- Wednesday, 11/13 - Bumblebees

You will be able to sign up via "SignUpGenius" starting on Monday, October 21st. Please check your email. Each conference is 10 minutes.



Monday, October 14th
Columbus Day
No School



Thanks to all the moms who volunteered to be a room mom for the 2024-2025 school year. Our room moms are as follows:

- Caterpillars - T/TH - Terry Duis
Tiffany Perez
- W/F - Leona Clemens
Brianna Phelps
- Bumblebees - Carolyn Cullen
Melissa Hassinger
- M/W/F Butterflies - Katie Pluebell-Lord
Blair Maradin
- T/TH Butterflies - Jaclyn Koebke
Megan Perry
- Fireflies - Alexis Raymond
- AM Dragonflies - Priya Easwar
Christie Smith
- PM Dragonflies - Missy Harrod
Lisa Ruppert



Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The event includes carnival games, face painting, food, a bake sale, Scholastic Book Fair, and home-based vendors. Information went home last week regarding ticket and food sales. We are looking for parents to bake for our bake sale. If you or if you know of someone who has a home-based business and would like to rent a table, please let me know. We know that October is a busy month. We hope that you will be able to attend this fun event.



If you are looking for some fun fall activities to attend the Children's Ministry at APC would like to invite your whole family to their annual Pumpkin Carving/Decorating and Trunk or Treat events. Pumpkin Carving/Decorating will be held on Sunday, October 20th at 11:45 AM. Each family should bring a pumpkin(s) to carve along with carving tools or a pumpkin(s) to decorate. Craft supplies for decorating will be provided. We will be serving hotdogs and chili for lunch. Sunday, October 27th at 11:45 AM, is our annual "trunk or treating" event. The children can dress up in their costume, but nothing scary please. Weather permitting "trunk or treating" will be held outside in the north part of the parking lot (near the dumpster and basket hoop). If it rains we will hold the event in Pickell Hall. You can sign-up in the welcome center for both events when you drop off or pick up your child. Let Miss Brenda know if you have any questions.



Every October the Firefighters from Station 6 visit Celebration Preschool. They are scheduled to visit on Tuesday, October 8th at 10:00 AM and at 1:00 PM. If your child does not attend preschool on this day, feel free to bring him/her to either presentation. The children will learn that Firefighters are community helpers, they will learn about STOP, DROP & ROLL, what an emergency is and when to call 911. Here are some fire safety tips for your family.

Fire Drill - Make a plan for getting out of your home in case of fire. Talk about the importance of getting out and staying out of the house. Many preschoolers believe that they can hide from a fire. Tell your child that people cannot hide from a fire, but they can **escape** from one. Help your child find two ways out of his or her bedroom. Practice both ways. Talk about how to choose which way to go (away from the fire). Establish a safe place outside for everyone in your family to meet. Practice your drill once a month.

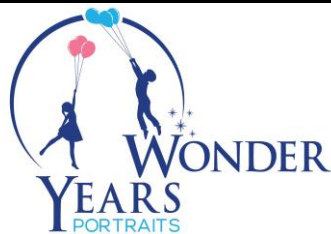
Stop, Drop, and Roll - Talk with your child about what to do if his or her clothes catch on fire - **stop, drop, and roll**. Practice doing this together. Stop immediately, drop to the ground while covering your face, and roll over and over to smother the flames.

Role Playing - Take some time to role-play different fire scenarios with your child. You and your child could act out what to do if he or she

- found a lighter,
- heard the smoke alarm in the middle of the night,
- needed to crawl low to the ground to escape from a smoke-filled room,
- had a shirt sleeve catch on fire,
- needed to call 911 to report a fire



The first field trip for the Fireflies and Dragonflies has been scheduled. The children will be going to Temple Hall Farm in Leesburg on Tuesday, October 22nd. The AM classes will meet at the farm at 9:15 AM and the PM class will meet at 12:30 PM. **The Dragonflies will not return to school. The Fireflies will return to school.** While at the farm the children will visit with the farmer and animals, go on a wagon ride, pick a pumpkin, and eat their snack in the picnic area. The preschool will pay for our preschoolers but there is a charge of \$10.00 per adult. Children under two are free. You may pay this fee at the farm. Parents must provide transportation for their child and chaperone the field trip. Permission slips will go home soon.



Wonder Years Portraits will be at Celebration on Wednesday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 15th. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 9th

W/F Caterpillars
M/W/F Butterflies
Fireflies
PM Dragonflies

Tuesday, October 15th

T/TH Caterpillars
Bumblebees
T/TH Butterflies
AM Dragonflies

Pre-payment for photographs is not required! You will receive a sign-up form which you will need to complete and return to your child's teachers. You will receive an on-line access code via email/text within 72 hours to view your



Daylight savings time ends on November 3rd. Be sure to "fall back" one hour before you go to bed on November 2nd!

Loving Guidance



To encourage your child's best behavior, gentle words go a long way. It may help to think of discipline as guidance rather than punishment - let your child know that you are there to help him stay safe and make good choices. Try these tips for guiding him in the right direction.

Tell your child what he can do. He will be more likely to listen if you give an alternative ("You can play with your new football in the basement so nothing in the living room gets broken"). Also, consider his attention span ("We have to stay in our seats during the recital, but you can play outside at intermission").

Explain rules to your child. It will be easier for him to accept limits that he understands. If he throws sand, for instance, you might take him aside and say, "Sand stays in the sandbox. It hurts when it gets in our eyes." If he does not follow your rule, choose a consequence that will make sense to him (getting out of the sandbox).

Correct your child gently. Use a soft voice, or even a whisper. You will help him stay calm, and he will have to listen closely to hear what you are saying. Of course, you will need to raise your voice in a dangerous situation. Later, you can explain ("You scared me when you got too close to the street").

